

Subject: CCA Delivers: Church & State Soiree, TIE Committee and more
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Friday, 11/17, 11 am - 2 pm
[Women's Networking Event](#)
Kendra Scott at the Point

Saturday, 11/18, 8 am
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Wednesday, 11/15 - Sunday, 11/19
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Thursday, 11/30 6 pm - 8 pm
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Thursday, 11/30, 6 pm - 10 pm
[Skid Row Housing Trust - Trust in Sound Benefit](#)

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Tony Esnault, Executive Chef of Church & State and Spring

CCA Soiree at Church & State

CCA members enjoyed French bites and wine at **Church & State**, the Arts District's iconic French bistro. Nine years ago, Church & State opened in the original National Biscuit Company building and sparked the transformation of the Arts District into a bustling culinary destination. Last year, **Yassmin Sarmadi** and **Chef Tony Esnault** expanded their footprint in DTLA and opened **Spring**. They transformed a DTLA courtyard into another incredible French restaurant that makes guests feel like they are visiting the South of France. Thank you to Yassmin, Chef Tony and the Church & State team for hosting this soiree. Thank you to **Miguel Vargas**, Executive Director of the **Arts District BID**, for welcoming CCA members and your work in this booming neighborhood.

Sidewalk Vending Program

This week, CCA spoke at a joint meeting of the Economic Development and Public Works committees regarding a sidewalk vending

program. We voiced our support for advancing a program that requires stationary vending in commercial and industrial zones, and limits vendors to two per block. CCA also advocated for property owner consent and for placement requirements to take into account attractions with high pedestrian traffic. The committees conceptually approved this vending framework and requested additional information from city departments. We believe this was a productive step forward to finalize a vending program. We need a program to support and regulate this important LA industry.

Transportation, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

This month's Transportation, Infrastructure and Environment (TIE) Committee meeting featured presentations on **Metro's** Early Project Delivery program, Homeless Task Force, and new LAPD security contract; **AECOM's** LA River Gateway Proposal; and BlueLA's new electric car-sharing pilot.

- **Manjeet Ranu, Metro**, informed members of a new Early Project Delivery policy that will provide uniform, clear, and consistent rules for moving up the schedule on Measure M projects, including when new funds are identified or public/private partnerships are formed. The policy is still in draft form and Metro is seeking input from stakeholders. You can find the presentation [here](#), and a draft of the policy will be shared when it's available.
 - **Jennifer Loew, Metro**, spoke to members about two safety-related updates. First was Metro's Homeless Task Force and their work improving safety on vehicles, stations and property - as well as their efforts to help homeless individuals using their facilities as a refuge, to get them the services or treatment they may need. Second was Metro's new security contract which partners with LAPD in their City of LA service area, and has led to a significant increase in the visibility of security personnel and decreasing emergency response times. Jennifer's presentation can be found [here](#).
 - **Nancy Michali and Jon Dearing, AECOM**, presented a bold, pro-bono proposal for the LA River area including Downtown and Chinatown: the LA River Gateway. Rather than creating an entirely new vision for the LA River, the Gateway report looks at what is possible using existing community plans, specific plans, and other policies and programs in the area. It outlines how this vision can be achieved through public partnership and private investment. To view the incredible renderings and learn more about the proposal, you can view the project website [here](#) or check out the presentation [here](#).
 - **José Oliva and Mitch Moore, BlueLA**, introduced their electric car-sharing program, set to begin rolling out by the end of 2017. BlueLA will bring at least 100 car-share vehicles to the Downtown, Koreatown, Boyle Heights and surrounding areas with a focus on serving low-income residents (though the vehicles will be available to anyone). The program is a joint effort between the City and Bolloré Group, a French company operating over 3,500 car-share vehicles in the US and Europe. BlueLA will be back to the TIE Committee in 2018 to update members on their progress and discuss potential partnership opportunities.
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Spring Street Lots

This week, CCA submitted a [letter](#) to LA County objecting to prime lots in Chinatown to be utilized for parking for the Men's Central Jail Replacement Project. The lots located at 725, 739 and 747 N. Spring Street are zoned for high-density residential and commercial uses and are located in the Greater Downtown Housing Incentive Area. CCA believes using them just for parking is a gross under-utilization of resources as they total approximately 1.66 acres and should have multiple uses including housing, commercial and possibly parking. We encourage the County to better leverage these lots to respond to the greatest needs, especially housing. In LA County from 1980-2010 there was an average of about 20,000 housing units built annually when

approximately 55,000 units were needed. This represents a shortage of about 750,000 units and highlights the severe housing shortage and resulting homeless crisis.

Water Resilience and Stormwater Capture Stakeholder Group

This week, CCA participated in LA County's Water Resilience and Stormwater Capture Stakeholder Group, which is led by Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Hilda Solis, to help inform the Water Resilience Plan. The goal of the plan is to address stormwater capture, water storage and water quality. As partners in the stakeholder group, CCA will help determine priorities and details on how the plan can be funded, including how property owners with existing investments in water capture, storage and quality may be given credit. Our focus will include representing DTLA's unique interests, ensuring that multi-benefit investments also serve our area and that the expenditures address real compliance demands, and advocating for improvements to existing rules and standards so that the money the city and county already spends is being spent as effectively as possible.

City Planning Commission

This morning, CCA supported two member projects - 1020 S. Figueroa and City Market Los Angeles - at the City Planning Commission meeting.

- The 1020 S. Figueroa Street Project will add to the vibrancy of South Park and Downtown by providing a public plaza with 5,000 SF of landscaping, outdoor seating and public art. It will also add to the city's housing and hotel supply, as well as 80,000 SF of retail and restaurant space. The project will directly benefit our city by hiring local residents and increasing the availability of jobs.
- The City Market Los Angeles will bring a diversity of new uses and public benefits to the Fashion District. Not only will this mixed-use complex add office space and retail, it will also add new homes to help the city address its housing shortage, green space for new and existing residents and an educational institution to the growing neighborhood's local families. It will also spur investment in the immediate area, solidifying the Fashion District as a hub of economic growth and activity.

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"This site in particular will better connect Bunker Hill to the historic core, and all three projects have opportunities for people to walk through the provided amenities." - **Jessica Lall, CCA**

LA Business Journal, [Plans Aim to Help Bunker Hill Take Flight](#), 11/3/17

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"This was a winning situation for Grand Central Square. Over the past nine years, this space was leased on an as-needed basis for events as well as movie, television, video and commercial shoots. However, now there is a stable tenant and cash flow in place." - **Jonathan Larsen, Avison Young**

Costar, [Historic Downtown Theater Finding New Life](#), 11/6/17

Check out LEVEL's 18,000-square-foot penthouse apartment.

LA Downtown News, [Inside Downtown's \\$100,000-a-Month Apartment](#), 11/3/17

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